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EXHIBIT A

time of filing the application under this section. No copy of the prior application or new specification is required. The filing of such a copy or specification will be considered improper, and a filing date as of the date of deposit of the request for an application under this section will not be granted to the application unless a petition with the fee set forth in § 1.17(d)(1) is filed with instructions to cancel the copy or specification.

(f) The filing of an application under this section will be construed to include a waiver of secrecy by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, or information concerning either the prior application or any continuing application filed under the provisions of this section may be given similar access to or similar information concerning the other application(s) in the file wrapper.

(g) The filing of a request for a continuing application under this section will be considered to be a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date granted the continuing application.

(h) The applicant is urged to furnish the following information relating to the prior and continuing applications to the best of his or her ability:

(1) Title as originally filed and as last amended;

(2) Name of applicant as originally filed and as last amended;

(3) Current correspondence address of applicant;

(4) Identification of prior foreign application and any priority claim under 35 U.S.C. 119.

(5) The title of the invention and names of the applicants to be named in the continuing application.

(i) Envelopes containing only application papers and fees for filing under this section should be marked "Box #WC".

(j) If any application filed under this section is found to be improper, the applicant will be notified and given a time period within which to correct the filing error. In order to obtain a filing date as of the date the filing error is corrected provided the correction is made before the payment of

the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings on the prior application. If the filing error is not corrected within the time period set, the application will be returned or otherwise disposed of; the fee, if submitted, will be refunded less the handling fee set forth in § 1.21(c).

(35 U.S.C. 6, Pub. L. 97-247)

(48 FR 2710, Jan. 20, 1983, as amended at 49 FR 555, Jan. 4, 1984; 50 FR 9380, Mar. 7, 1985; 64 FR 47519, Nov. 15, 1999)

OATH OR DECLARATION

§ 1.63 Oath or declaration.

(a) An oath or declaration filed under § 1.51(a)(2) as a part of an application must:

(1) Be executed in accordance with either § 1.66 or § 1.68;

(2) Identify the specification to which it is directed;

(3) Identify each inventor and the residence and country of citizenship of each inventor; and

(4) State whether the inventor is a sole or joint inventor of the invention claimed.

(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (a), the oath or declaration must state that the person making the oath or declaration:

(1) Has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration;

(2) Believes the named inventor or inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought; and

(3) Acknowledges the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with § 1.56(a).

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the oath or declaration in any application in which a claim for foreign priority is made pursuant to § 1.55 must identify the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed, and any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application on

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(35 U.S.C. 6, Pub. L. 148 FR 2711, Jan. 20, 31, 1983)

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(a) The oath or a made before any United States autho minister oaths. An o eign country may be diplomatic or consu United States authc ter oaths, or before an official seal and minister oaths in the in which the applica authority shall be pr cate of a diplomatio of the United States, of an official designa country which, by ti tion, accords like effect designated officials

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(b) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraph (a), the oath or declaration must state that the person making the oath or declaration:

(1) Has reviewed and understands the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration;

(2) Believes the named inventor or inventors to be the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought; and

(3) Acknowledges the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with § 1.56(a).

(c) In addition to meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section, the oath or declaration in any application in which a claim for foreign priority is made pursuant to § 1.55 must identify the foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed, and any foreign application having a filing date before that of the application on

which priority is claimed, by specifying the application number, country, day, month and year of its filing.

(d) In any continuation-in-part application filed under the conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. 120 which discloses and claims subject matter in addition to that disclosed in the prior co-pending application, the oath or declaration must also state that the person making the oath or declaration acknowledges the duty to disclose material information as defined in § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

(35 U.S.C. 6, Pub. L. 97-247)

(48 FR 2711, Jan. 20, 1983; 48 FR 4285, Jan. 31, 1983)

§ 1.64 Person making oath or declaration.

(a) The oath or declaration must be made by all of the actual inventors except as provided for in §§ 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47.

(b) If the person making the oath or declaration is not the inventor (§§ 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47), the oath or declaration shall state the relationship of the person to the inventor and, upon information and belief, the facts which the inventor is required to state.

(35 U.S.C. 6, Pub. L. 97-247)

(48 FR 2711, Jan. 20, 1983)

§ 1.66 Officers authorized to administer oaths.

(a) The oath or affirmation may be made before any person within the United States authorized by law to administer oaths. An oath made in a foreign country may be made before any diplomatic or consular officer of the United States authorized to administer oaths, or before any officer having an official seal and authorized to administer oaths in the foreign country in which the applicant may be, whose authority shall be proved by a certificate of a diplomatic or consular officer of the United States, or by an apostille of an official designated by a foreign country which, by treaty or convention, accords like effect to apostilles of designated officials in the United

States. The oath shall be attested in all cases in this and other countries, by the proper official seal of the officer before whom the oath or affirmation is made. Such oath or affirmation shall be valid as to execution if it complies with the laws of the State or country where made. When the person before whom the oath or affirmation is made in this country is not provided with a seal, his official character shall be established by competent evidence, as by a certificate from a clerk of a court of record or other proper officer having a seal.

(b) When the oath is taken before an officer in a country foreign to the United States, any accompanying application papers, except the drawings, must be attached together with the oath and a ribbon passed one or more times through all the sheets of the application, except the drawings, and the ends of said ribbon brought together under the seal before the latter is affixed and impressed, or each sheet must be impressed with the official seal of the officer before whom the oath is taken. If the papers as filed are not properly ribboned or each sheet impressed with the seal, the case will be accepted for examination, but before it is allowed, duplicate papers, prepared in compliance with the foregoing sentence, must be filed.

(35 U.S.C. 6; 15 U.S.C. 1113, 1123)

(47 FR 41275, Sept. 17, 1982)

§ 1.67 Supplemental oath or declaration.

(a) A supplemental oath or declaration meeting the requirements of § 1.63 may be required to be filed to correct any deficiencies or inaccuracies present in an earlier filed oath or declaration.

(b) A supplemental oath or declaration meeting the requirements of § 1.63 must be filed: (1) When a claim is presented for matter originally shown or described but not substantially embraced in the statement of invention or claims originally presented; and (2) When an oath or declaration submitted in accordance with § 1.58(d) after the filing of the specification and any required drawings specifically and improperly refers to an amendment which includes new matter. No new